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### Special Announcements.

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### Found Not a True Bill.

In the case against the poll holders of Scotland Neck township the grand jury failed to find a true bill.

Something like a hundred men accompanied in the investigation of the case.

There is some talk about it being before the next grand jury. A true bill is found but it is hoped that this course will not be deemed proper. This paper will not continue to carry, wherever it may be, under no circumstances.

It is the belief of the editor that the best interests of our citizenship, and the prosperity of our town and the development of the best interests of all can be best served by this course.

And we lay aside these political differences and all pull together for the good of our town and the development of Scotland Neck and Halifax county.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Coming, Going and Whereabouts of Our People and Other Folks.

Mr. Jesse Perry, of Greenville, is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. C. Josey.

Mrs. Ben Allsbrook and little daughter have gone to Kelford to visit her sister.

Mrs. J. L. Howard has returned to her home in Enfield after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Howard.

Mrs. J. P. Ellen, of Enfield, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. W. W. Pope, has returned home.

Miss Virginia Dancy, of Tarboro, who has been here on a visit to Mr. E. W. Hyman, has returned home.

Miss Ella Harris, a teacher in the Ayden schools, spent several days here last week the guest of Mrs. T. B. Wheeler.

Miss Florine Calloway, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. Lee Savage has gone to Hobgood to spend several days.

Messrs. Earl and Jesse Harrington, students at Oak Ridge Institute, have been called to Greenville on account of the illness of their father, Mr. W. H. Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Edwards, went to Greenville Sunday to be with Mrs. Edwards father, Mr. W. H. Harrington, who is ill with typhoid fever. Mr. Edwards has returned but Mrs. Edwards remained. Mr. Harrington was somewhat improved.

Mr. James R. Moore sometime the capable and popular bookkeeper for R. C. Josey & Co., has resigned his position with that firm to accept a position as bookkeeper with the Cotton Mills at Goldsboro. Mr. Moore has many friends here who wish him great success in his new home. His successor here has been appointed, an announcement of which will be made later.

### Dawson's Items.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.) The farmers have nearly marketed all their crops around here and it begins to look like Christmas.

There will be a good many changes around here the coming year. Mr. Ben Partin will move to the Ben Harris place. Mr. J. D. Lawrence has accepted a position with Mr. F. P. Shields to attend to business on Roanoke river and Mr. Thomas Lawrence will move back to his farm.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Emma Lawrence does not improve but very little.

Miss Bessie Barnhill visited her parents Sunday in Enfield.

Miss Mamie Barnes will return home the 18th from Buies Creek.

D. E. Vipperman has taken a trip to the mountains to see his parents, but will be home to fill his regular appointment here the first Sunday in January.

There will be an oyster supper given at the residence of Mr. Henry W. Chesson on Thursday night December 17th for the benefit of Dawson Baptist church and the Thomasville orphanage.

### Negro Shot.

A negro was caught Sunday breaking into a car at Weldon. He resisted arrest and tried desperately to kill the officer. If the skinner he was badly shot and finally arrested.

Don't wait to be called upon. Send in your subscription.

## A FINE ADDRESS.

Past Grand Herald, W. K. Johnson, of Windsor, Heard by Good Audience.

The district meeting of Odd Fellows held in the graded school auditorium last Thursday night was a great success.

Many ladies were in the audience, which was greatly pleased at the eloquent address of Past Grand Herald Johnson, of Windsor.

Fine selections of vocal and instrumental music were rendered by talented musicians of this place and the meeting was a great success. The visiting delegates spoke in highly complimentary terms of our beautiful little city and of the hearty welcome and superb entertainment given them.

The next district meeting will be held at Woodland, Feb. 25th, 1909.

### NEW COUNTY OFFICERS

Installed and Oath Subscribed to. Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

The new county officers were installed on Monday, this being the first Monday in December.

The personnel of the board of county commissioners is the same as the past two years.

The board qualified and elected Mr. W. R. Harvey chairman by unanimous vote, Mr. S. P. Johnson, the former chairman, not being a candidate for re-election as chairman.

Mr. George E. Green, a prominent young attorney of Weldon, was unanimously elected attorney to the board for the next two years at a salary of \$300.00 per year.

The newly elected officers qualified and presented their bonds, which were accepted, as follows: J. A. House, Sheriff, succeeding J. R. Patterson; J. E. Bowers, Treasurer, succeeding F. P. Shields, and J. H. Norman, Register of Deeds, succeeding T. W. Fenner. W. B. Drewery was re-elected Superintendent county home.

The reports of the grand jury and the Clerk of the Court were received and read. The grand jury reported the affairs of the county in good condition and especially complimented the office of register of deeds and clerk. They also recommended remodeling the present court house and making it more sanitary or the planning for a new court house.

The board consists of the following: W. R. Harvey, chairman, S. P. Johnson, S. T. Thorne, N. L. Stedman, B. A. Pope.

### St. Mary's Alumnae.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25, there was a meeting of the Scotland Neck Chapter of St. Mary's Alumnae Association, organized in 1907. President, Mrs. P. E. Smith, Vice-President, Miss Anna B. Clark, Secretary, Miss Adelaide E. Smith. There are seventeen members, nine of whom were present at this meeting. Much interest was shown in the scholarship fund for the school which for three generations has given to thousands of girls a sound mental and spiritual education. It needs an endowment and these scholarships are a beginning for that purpose. This Chapter has already two yearly contributions to the Mary Iredell and Kate McKimmon Scholarships. Two more were pledged at this meeting, to be paid by January, 1910, \$5.00 each. Some members pledged 25 cents yearly, others 50 cents. Two already begun, pay \$1.25 each year. We will be glad to hear from the members who were absent, who desire to show their interest in dear old St. Mary's.

ADELAIDE E. SMITH, Secretary.

## How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

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### Halifax Court.

Second Week—Criminal Docket Concluded on Monday. Seventeen to the Roads.

Halifax Superior Court is still in session, this being the second week. The criminal docket consumed unusual time and was only completed on Monday, whereas it is usually completed by Wednesday of first week. Most cases were for minor offenses; larceny, carrying concealed weapons, etc. One case of burglary was given 1 year on the roads. One case for retailing liquor without licence. Seventeen have been sentenced to the roads, the total years of sentence aggregating seventeen years, eight months. The civil docket was taken up Tuesday.

### Gorham-Murchison Wedding.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)

A very pretty and attractive wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Merrill in Swan Quarter, N. C. on Thanksgiving morning when their sister, Miss Alma Murchison was given in marriage to Mr. George Wimberley Gorham, of Rocky Mount.

The home had been beautifully decorated with Bamboo, evergreens and potted plants, and the guests were met by Mrs. Merrill and conducted into the sitting room await the appointed hour for the ceremony. Promptly at 8:30 o'clock all were invited into the parlor where the ceremony was performed, the bride party being in their respective places and being arranged as follows: The bride and groom standing in front of the minister, the dame of honor, Mrs. F. C. Ferguson, of Rocky Mount, standing to the left of the bride, and Mr. Edwin Gorham, brother of the groom, and his best man, standing on his right.

The other attendants were Miss Fannie Gorham, sister of the groom, and Mr. Lester Murchison, brother of the bride.

The ceremony was impressively performed (the ring service being used) by the bride's brother, Rev. G. L. Merrill.

The bride wore a handsome tailor made suit of brown with hat, gloves and shoes to match and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The dame of honor was attired in white satin and black velvet hat and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Immediately after the ceremony, followed by congratulations of admiring friends, the bridal party boarded the launch "Victor" for Washington, where they were to take the Norfolk and Southern train for an extended bridal tour to Florida and other points South.

The bride is the daughter of the late Rev. D. C. Murchison, of Chatham county, N. C., and is a cultured and accomplished young woman. The groom is a son of Mr. Ed. Gorham, of Rocky Mount, and is an efficient railroad man, being connected with the Atlantic Coast Line system.

The out of town guests, present at the wedding were Mrs. Thena Murchison, mother of the bride, of Chatham county, Mr. Earnest Murchison, of Maxton, Capt. R. D. Phillips, Mr. Lester L. Murchison, of Florence, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ferguson, Mr. Edwin Gorham, Miss Fannie Gorham, Miss Myrtle Camp and Miss Anniebeck Arrington, of Rocky Mount, Mr. R. G. Murchison, of Fayetteville, and Rev. Braxton Craig, of Chapel Hill.

On Wednesday evening the bridal party and a few friends were entertained at the home of the bride, when light refreshments were served.

Many valuable and handsome presents were received, consisting of silver, cut glass, etc.

### EVERYTHING TO RUN A FARM.

On Thursday Dec. 31, at the Bullock Farm, near Leggett's, I will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following property:

- 10 mules from 6 to 10 years,
- 1 horse,
- 25 head of cattle, about half of which milk cows; all excellent beef cattle.
- 1 yoke of oxen.
- 30 hogs and pigs.
- 100 barrels of corn.
- 17 stacks of fodder.
- 8 tons peavine hay.
- 1,500 bushels of cotton seed, if not sold before.
- 2 wagons and 4 carts.
- 4 cotton planters, corn and peanut planter, and other farm machinery and implements used on a 11 horse farm, including plows, hoes, shovels, etc., cultivator, mowing machine, rake, weeder, and 2,000 yds wire fencing, stable and cow manure, all sheltered; probably 75 tons.

E. O. WEEKS.

## Our Holiday Goods!

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## Thursday Night December 17th.

Oyster Supper at Dawson Baptist Church.

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### Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me by a certain deed of trust made to me on the 7th day of August, 1902, by Calvin Medford and wife, and which is duly recorded in the Register of Deeds Office for Halifax county, North Carolina, in Book 150 at Page 222, I will on the 8th day of January, 1909, sell for Cash, at Public Auction, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., to the highest bidder, at 12 o'clock M., the following described Real Estate: Lying in Halifax County, to-wit: That tract of land which was conveyed to Calvin Medford by A. J. Whitehead and wife, adjoining the Chas. Minshew land and the land of W. T. Whitehead, (now owned by C. A. Whitehead) the old Wiley Higgs land, (now owned by Henry Harris) and the land of the said Andrew Whitehead, and lying on Cow Hall Branch, containing 100 acres, more or less, being the same land conveyed to the said A. J. Whitehead by W. C. Braswell by deed of record in the Register's Office for said County, in Book 142 at Page 14 to which reference is made. Also another tract of land on which the said Calvin Medford now lives known as his home place, containing 58 acres, more or less, and adjoining the above described tract of land, the lands of C. A. Whitehead and Cow Hall Swamp, being the same land conveyed to Calvin Medford by John Medford and wife by deed of record in the Register of Deeds office in Halifax county in Book 76 B Page 5 to which reference is made. The tract first above described will be sold first, and if there remains any unpaid balance on said notes, then the said home place above described shall be sold.

This the 8th day of Dec. 1908.  
A. P. KITCHIN,  
Trustee.  
S. A. DUNN, Atty.

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